

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 9-14 but maintained his rejection of claims 1-8 and 15-23. Applicant respectfully traverses the grounds for the rejection, but cancels claims 1-8 and 15-23 without prejudice in order to place this case into condition for allowance. No amendments have been made to the allowed claims.

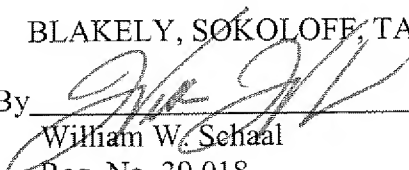
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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